GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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LINKING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has expressed its doubts about linkage of North Indian with South Indian rivers;

(b) if so, whether the apprehensions of the people of Assam would be taken into consideration before finalisation of river-linking project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c): Government of Assam have raised objections on the flood control aspect, minimum flows to be maintained in the rivers, environmental issues involved and power sharing for the proposed dams of Manas-Sankosh-Teesta-Ganga(MSTG) linkproject. These observations were considered and replied by the National Water Development Agency(NWDA)to the State Government. Subsequently, the pre-feasibility report of the MSTGlink was accepted by the Technical Advisory Committee(TAC) of NWDAon December 11, 1995 wherein the representative of Government of Assam was also present.